

## News Release

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Educating parents: your community, your child, getting help...

## FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS LAUNCH DRUG AWARENESS WEBPAGE & POSTER CONTEST

**FREDERICK, MD** – A new webpage provides a one-stop shop for information on a coalition of Frederick County public leaders who have joined forces to educate and inform citizens about drug abuse and the resources available to combat drugs. The webpage is <a href="https://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/DrugAwareness">www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/DrugAwareness</a>.

As a result of the coalition, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) is sponsoring a <u>drug abuse poster contest</u>. All FCPS students are eligible to participate in the contest. Entries are due by January 15. The theme is, "Drug Abuse: What Parents Should Know and Do." Prizes include lift tickets and ski lessons at White Tail Resort and catering from Famous Dave's. Visit <u>www.fcps.org</u> for more details.

In addition, the coalition is planning the following drug awareness events for the public:

Wednesday, January 29 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Middletown High School

Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Governor Thomas Johnson High School

Wednesday, March 19 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Brunswick High School

Wednesday, April 23 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Oakdale High School

Commissioner Billy Shreve of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners commented, "We want to thank our outstanding coalition members who have a vision to help Frederick County fight the battle against drugs. They have raised awareness of the serious challenges drug abuse causes in our community. We believe that our efforts will educate the public about the dangers of drug abuse, how to recognize the warning signs that your child may be using drugs, and how to seek help through our many community resources. This new webpage provides an online one-stop shop for information on our events and activities and will be helpful in consolidating our efforts through the year."

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County Health Department Director Barbara Brookmyer, Thurmont Commissioner Marty Burns, Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Board of County Commissioners' Liaison David Dunn, Frederick County Board of Education member April Miller, New Market Councilman Jake Romanell, Maryland State Delegate Kelly Schulz, Frederick County Commissioner Billy Shreve and Frederick County State's Attorney Charlie Smith.

To watch the drug awareness press conference from January 3, 2014, visit www.tinyurl.com/DrugAwarenssPressConf.

For more information, contact Commissioner Shreve at 301-600-1100 or via e-mail at Billy@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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